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Applicant : Hand, *et al.*  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2005 (Office Action),  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this submission.

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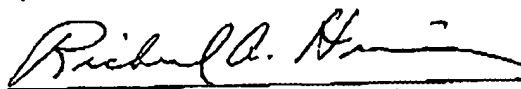
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile transmission to MAILSTOP AF, Commissioner  
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December 8, 2005  
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